

MISS GERTRUDE BRYAN IN PLITTLE BOY BLUE "LYRIG.

WEEK'S PLAYS.

OR some reason every actor to whom comedy is a natural and spontaneous medium of expression and who in a comedy role always is delightful seems ambitious to demonstrate to the public that his real forte is tragedy—when it isn't. In "Elevating a Husband" Miss Clara Lipman's devotion to her husband's ideals seems to have overcome her discretion as a dramatist, with the result that she and Mr. Evan Shipman have written for Mr. Louis Mann a rôle which, in the climax at the end of the third act, calls for much emotional display. Unfortunately, when a comedian wants to be emotional he distorts his face as if he had difficulty in restraining his tears, and otherwise comports himself in ways showing his failure to realize that pathos is more strongly conveyed by power of reserve and forceful poise than by any amount of so-called acting. Men who, like Charles Sample (Mr. Mann's role) in the play produced last week at the Liberty Theatre, have by force of character and individuality built up fortunes and find them swept away by treachery and a wife's folly do not lose their grip on the situation. Whatever their inward feelings, they face a crisis in the same large way that made them successful before and will make them successful again. The turbulence of the comedian who attempts the emotional has a hollow, futile sound. Mr. Mann was completely successful in the comedy of his role. Where it became pathetic he was forced.

THE TALKER! THEATRE

Comedy is a fine, a high art. Why does tragedy exercise so fatal a fascination over nearly all comedians when they can accomplish so much within their own milieu and so little outside of it?

NE might suppose from the success of "Kismet" that all the public wanted was a big, exciting play. But there is "Disraeli," with Mr. George Arilss, which is drawing large houses right straight along, and "Bunty Pulls the Strings," which as drama is very slight, yet pulls the public as effectively as Bunty herself does the strings.

The simple fact is that each of these plays is a first rate play of its kindand therein lies all the ascertainable philosophy of the success and failure of dramatic productions. Unfortunately for the manager, he never can tell before a play is acted before a regular, paying audience whether it is of the right kind or not. If it is, it gets over, and the next morning by nine o'clock a line is waiting at the box office to buy tickets. If it isn't, then somehow New York appears to have found out that fact over night and the tickets stay in the rack.

Now, "White Magic," the David Graham Phillips comedy that Mr. Roi Cooper Megrue completed and in which Miss Gertrude Elliott is appearing at the Oriterion Theatre, is a pretty little play-just such a pretty little play as MONDAY,-New Amsterdam Theatrefrom time to time appears to have gotten across. But, cheerful reading as it may have afforded in the manuscript, "White Magic" is, as an acting play, much too talky and there is too little doing for it to make the trip over the footlights. It just reaches them, hesitates and slips back-no matter even if Miss Elliott is looking and acting her prettiest.

Such is the fate of plays, and when hopes are shattered and stars turned from their orbits even a comedy may become a tragedy without the change of

venty one familiar with Mr. John, who sesent the attempt to enforce law and order. The situation is further compiliations of the conceasing provided by the love interest between Hais and June, whom her coursin, Dave Tolliver, as if everyone must be familiar with it, the book has been so popular—will be interested in the book, which will be presented by Messrs, klaw & Eplanger in the New Amsterdam Theatre to—morrow night. What adds to the interest in the production of the play founded upon the book, which will be presented by Messrs, klaw & Eplanger in the New Amsterdam Theatre to—morrow night. What adds to the interest in the production is the fact that the adaptation for the stage has been made by Mr. Eugene Waiter and that the role of June will be taken by Miss Charlotte Waiker, who, as most theatre goers know, is Mrs. Waiter. This is not the first of her husbands splays in which Mas Waiker will appear, she having been the heroicen in 'The Eastett Way" was intended for her. Therefore The Trail of the Lonesome Pine' is the third play Mr. Waiter has written for his aftern the form the East, to improve conditions in the Course of the Satura and the story, as will be recalled, deals with a few of the course of the stage in the Course of the Satura southers will be recalled, deals with a few of the course provided and in her red homespun dress. The story, as will be recalled, deals with a few of the course provided and in her red homespun dress. The story, as will be recalled, deals with a few of the course provided and in her red homespun dress. The story, as will be recalled, deals with a few of the course provided and in her red homespun dress. The story, as will be recalled, deals with a few of the course of the course provided and the course provided VERYONE familiar with Mr. John, who resent the attempt to enforce law and

tween the clans of Falin and Tolliver, in Lonesome Cove. Miss Walker is sup- Some seasons later she gave a special the farca, "Have You Nothing to De

end of the present season. And here it is in "Lydia Glimore."

From the synopsis of the play it seems as if the role of Lydia might be another Mrs. Dane in emotional scope and might provide Miss Anglin with another strong emotional scope like that which made the success of the earlier drama. The scenes of "Lydia Glimore" are laid in the old assize town of Chelmsbury, in the English midlands. The action turns on a tragic episode in the life of Dr. Clement Gillinger, a leading physician of the place, a leading physician of the place,

bill. She will revive the comedy, entitled "Cousin Kate," by Mr. Hubert Henry Davies, in which she appeared with suc Davies, in which she appeared with success several seasons ago, when it had a long run. This will be preceded by what Mr. Charles Frohman, Miss Barrymore's manager, prefers to describe until the curtain goes up to-morrow night merely as a distinctive movelty—"simply that and nothing more." For he announces that to tell of this novelty in any greater detail would be to deprive its disclosure of all surprise. Thus curlosity must continue plaued until satisfied by the actual performance.

In "Cousin Kate" Miss Barrymore will be supported by Messrs. Leslie Faber, Ernest Stallard and George Tobin; Mrs. Thomas Whiffen, Miss Jane May and Miss Georgie Mendum.

MESSRS. COHAN & HARRIS are making a new production at the Galety Theatre to-morrow night. It is described as a melodramatic farce by Mr. Augustin MacHugh, and is entitled "Offi-cer 686."

When the curtain goes up a ourious situation already has developed. A wealthy young globe trotter returns home to find his bachelor quarters occupied by a burgene Walter from the movel of Mr. Engene Walter from the movel of Mr. Jehn Fox, Jr., with Miss Charlotte Walker.

Galety Theatre—"Officer 666," a "melodramatic farce" in three acts, by Mr. Augustin MacHugh.

Empire Theatre—Miss Ethel Barry—more in revival of "Cousin Kate," comedy in three acts, by Mr. Hubert Henry Davies, preceded by a "distinct Henry Davies, preceded by a "distinct wound fact the play tells how the wealthy young man regains possession of his name

THIS WEEK AT THE METROPOLIT

TO-NIGHT-"La Vita Nuova," cantata season's noveltles, by Mr. Wolf-Ferrari, with Mme. night's performance of opera most of last seas again appear, headed

MONDAY-"Lohengrin," with Miss Des- The one exception tinn, Mmc, Homer, Mesara, Jadlowker nauer, who will sing the Nutime. Mons. Rothier will be and Well.

WEDNESDAY — "Ariane of Barbe- French operatic version of

Bleue," with Miss Farrar, Mmo. Mat- of Eluebeard and his wive "Das Rheingold," at the

Reiss and Goritz.

Scottl and Mons. Gilly. FRIDAY—"Lucia di Lammermoor," with

"Mme. Tetrazzini, Messra. Constantino

Heriz will conduct.

and Amato. Miss Farrar, Mme. Manhourg, Mr. stance. Jadlowker, MM, Renaud and Bothier. Lichenge

heard for the first time this season as Telramund at the Metropolitan Opera House The double at the Metropolitan Opera House this week, the twelfth of the season The cantata is Mr. Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari's "La Vitz Nuova," sung here in English several years ago. It will be sung to-night in Italian, taking the place of the regular Sunday night concert, and there will be additional interest in it from the fact that the composer will conduct. The soloists will be different one flundred and fifty. Following the cantata some miscellaneous concert numbers will be given, in which Mme. Wickham and Mr. Burrian will be heard for the first time this season are Mons. Paul Dukas' "Arlane et Barbe-Bleue," to be sung on Wednesday night, and Wagner's "Das Rheimgold" Thureday afternoon."

"Arlane et Barbe-Bleue" was one of last cana" in the following "I Pagliacet" Mr. Canamer and Mr. Scotti will appear.

"Licia di Lammermoor" will be repeated and Mr. Amato as Ashton, with Mr. Sturani in the conductor's chair.

For the Saturday matines subscribers "Paust" will be repeated, and the noval feature will be that Mons, Maurice Renaud will appear as Valentin, a role he will aing for the first time in this country. Miss "Parar will be Marguerite, and Mr. Jadsung on Wednesday night, and Wagner's "Paust" will be Marguerite, and Mr. Sturani conducting.

eradge, in "A Butterfly on the Wheel," at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre and "The Bird of Paradise" at Maxine Elliott's, Mr. Reginald de Koven's operetta "The Wedding Trip" has still a few more weeks at the Broadway, and Mr. George M. Conan remains in his own theatre as a star in his play "The Little Millionaire." "Mutt and Jeff" in their travels move to the West End Theatre from the Manhattan Opera House this week. The company remains unchanged.

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A glimpse in West Forty-second street shows "The Woman" still playing at the Republic, "Little Boy Blue," with Miss Gertrude Bryan, at the Lyric; "The Talker" with Miss Lullian Albertson, at the Harris, and Mr. Louis Mann in "Elevating a Husband" is new at the Liberty. Skipping back to Broadway one finds that Miss Gertrude Elilott is in her second week at the Criterion in the late David Graham Phillips' comedy "White Magic, Mme. Simone continues at the Hudson in "The Return from Jerusalem," and at the Belasco Theatre is Mr. David Warfield in "The Return from Jerusalem," and at the Belasco Theatre is Mr. David Warfield in "The Return of Peter Grimm." "Around the World," with its scenic displays, continues as the attraction at the Hippodrome, Mr. Eddle Foy, in "Over the River," is at the Globe Theatre, and "Bunty Pulls the Strings" remains at the Columbia Theatre. They have a couple of travestles—"The Love Kiss"

theatres with attractions of greater variety than at any other time this season. The man who likes to take an extract on the life of properties of a supreme sacrifice in order to save the life of her husband and the good name and future welfare of their young son.

The piay demands the co-operation of many actors, but the interest is concentrated on a few leading characters represented, besides Miss Anglin, by Messra John Blair, John Milturn, Lee Baker, Wilfred Draycott and William Sampson. The Lyceum will be closed to-morrow night, as Miss Anglin will hold her final rehearsal there.

The Empire Theatre te-morrow night, as Miss Anglin will hold her final rehearsal there.

The Empire Theatre te-morrow night, as Miss Anglin in the last three weeks of Lestine, is "Sumurun," the wordless play with music.

The Dyceum will be accounted the season of the place, variety than at any other time this weak's stay at the Grand Opera House, week's stay at the Grand Opera House, we will be company. The cast remains unchanged to the buriesque.

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zenauer and Mons, Rothier.

THURSDAY (Matinee) — "Das RheinMatzenauer, the other music dramas of this cycle gold," with Mmes. Matzenauer, the other music dramas tollow on later Thursday Reiss and Goritz.

"Das Rheingold" Mme. Matzenauer will sing Fricka-a feat, following so soon after the page. (Evening)—"Cavalieria Rusticana" | ter the previous night's "Arian and "Pagliacci," with Miss Destina, Bleue" performance, in which Mme. Gadski, Messrs. Caruso, Martin, the Nurse. Mme. Homer & Mme. Gluck, the Freia, while

SATURDAY (Afternoon)-"Faust," with familiar operas, though there will be some WO operas and one cantata will be Jadlowker in the title part and Mr

At the Aster Theatre Mr. Raymond couple of travestles-"The Love Klas"

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